

BLOODY KENTUCKY

Fiendish Barbarity.--A Horrible Torture.

CIVILIZATION TAKES A STEP BACKWARD.

MEN BECOME LOWER THAN BRUTES--WOMEN WITNESS REVELRY.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., December 6.--Richard Coleman (colored), the confessed murderer of Mrs. James Lashbrook, the wife of his employer, expiated his crime in daylight to-day, at the hands of a mob, consisting of thousands of citizens, by burning at the stake, after suffering indescribable torture.

The dreadful spectacle occurred on the peaceful cricket-grounds on the outskirts of this city.

Just two months ago Richard Coleman, the trusted employee of Farmer James Lashbrook, murdered the woman who had been his benefactor. Coleman had been left in charge of the house. Mrs. Lashbrook had driven to Mayville and returned, when Coleman asked her to enter the cabin to look at some work on which he had been engaged.

The colored man looked the door on the inside. Mrs. Lashbrook became frightened and screamed. Coleman struck her on the head, knocking her down, but not stopping her cries. He then seized a razor and cut her throat. He picked up the bleeding body and room, but returning heard her still groaning, and with an axe he struck her repeatedly on the head until he was sure she was dead. The man washed the blood from his hands and clothing, and went to where Mr. Lashbrook was at work in the field, and told him that he had better come to the house, as some one had killed his wife. It was not until after the officers arrived that suspicion was directed against Coleman. Blood spots had been found on his clothing, but he accounted for that by saying that he had been killing chickens. That night, however, at Mayville, a partial confession was obtained, and knowing the result if that fact should become known, the officers quietly took him to Covington, Ky. for safe-keeping.

INDICTED FOR MURDER.

He was indicted for the murder. Shortly after his incarceration at Covington he made a complete confession of his crime to the jailer. The story of his crime, including worse than murder, was told without any appearance of feeling by the prisoner.

The trial was set for to-day. Sheriff Perrine determined to leave Covington by the train, on the Chesapeake and Ohio road, which started at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning from Cincinnati and Covington. Coleman had been told Tuesday night to prepare to return to the scene of his crime. He was instantly stricken with fear, and begged piteously to be permitted to remain in Covington until after his trial.

He said he expected to die, but dreaded the vengeance of a mob. When he was handcuffed on leaving the jail in Covington he was almost paralyzed, and had to be assisted to the patrol wagon. On entering the train he seemed unable to sit down, until one of the guards forced him into a seat. It developed that in the crowd at Covington, and even on the train, there were some of the relatives of Mrs. Lashbrook, ready to convey information if any attempt was made to secret the prisoner. Messages were sent here. The prisoner, with his escort, arrived at 10:20 o'clock Sheriff Perrine, while en route for Mayville, had been informed that a mob was awaiting the arrival of the train at the depot, and he hastily prepared for the swearing in of deputy sheriffs.

As train puffed slowly into the old station the mob formed on both sides, in two long, closely-huddled crowds, and armed men stationed themselves at the platforms of all the cars and warned the frightened passengers to remain quiet and not to interfere. The Sheriff and his assistants were strongly armed, and there was some resistance, as the leaders of the mob justly uttered from the outer fringes of the crowd for the prisoner.

OFFICERS GIVE HIM UP.

Sheriff Perrine made a bold movement, and started walking swiftly, but with no indication of panic, from the car. A step behind him followed the officers with Coleman in their midst, seeking to conceal himself behind the

brawny forms of his protectors. As the officers proceeded the numbers of the mob were constantly swelled by new arrivals, and through the downtown business streets they were closely followed. Hundreds of stones and other missiles were thrown, and revolvers and rifles were freely displayed.

The prisoner was frequently struck, and he presented a frightful appearance, the blood streaming from wounds on his face and head. At the courthouse a mob of over 2,000 men, headed by James Lashbrook the husband, had been hastily formed. A demand for the prisoner was made. There was a brief struggle in which weapons were hastily drawn by the officers, and then the Sheriff and his assistants were overcome by force of numbers, and the prisoner was secured by the leaders of the mob.

The prisoner was dragged along by ropes loosely attached to his body. He was the target again of hundreds of missiles, and several times he sank, half conscious, to the ground, while the crowd pressed forward, striking at him with clubs, sticks and whips, until his head and body were scarcely recognizable. More dead than alive, he was dragged along and forced to his feet. Scores of women joined the men. The prisoner could be heard pleading for his life, but was answered with an oath and a blow.

DEATH MADE SLOW.

The place of execution had been selected a week ago and other details of the execution mapped out by the leaders. The prisoner was strapped against a tree facing the husband of the victim. Large quantities of dry brush and larger bits of wood were piled around him, while he was praying for a speedy death. James Lashbrook the husband of the victim, applied the first match to the brushwood. A brother of the victim struck the second match. Some one with a knife was vainly slashing at the prisoner's chest. Not a single shot was fired. The purpose seemed to be to give the wretch the greatest possible amount of torture. A fatal shot would have been merciful, and there was no mercy in the crowd surrounding Richard Coleman.

The ropes securing him to the tree were burned, and his body finally fell forward on the burning pile. The crowd used rails and long poles to push his body back into the flames, and it is not certain how long he lasted.

During the process, while his voice could be heard, he begged for a drink of water. At the end of three hours the body was practically cremated. During all that time members of the family of Lashbrook had remained to keep up the fire.

NO ATTEMPT AT DISGUISE.

In all the thousands who constituted the mob there was not a single effort made to disguise or conceal identity. No man wore a mask. All the leaders of the mob were well known, and there were hundreds of witnesses who can testify to their participation in the tragedy. They are blending citizens in all lines of business, and many are members of churches.

County Judge Harbison will empanel a special grand jury at once, to make a speedy investigation, and return indictments against the leaders of the mob.

CORONER'S VERDICT.

The Coroner held an inquest on the charred remains of Richard Coleman, and rendered the simple verdict, "Death at the hands of a mob."

The body was left lying there, and at present has not been removed. Relic-hunters took away teeth and bones and flesh, and every fragment of the body that they could lay hands upon. All the afternoon children, some of them more than 6 years old, kept up the fire on the blazing body, by throwing brush, grass, bits of kindling-wood, and everything combustible that they could gather.

The action of the mob seems to be generally approved, even by women, who think that hereafter they will be safer.

ACTION BY THE GOVERNOR.

FRANKFORT, Ky., December 6.--Governor Bradley announced this afternoon that he would offer a reward for the apprehension of the members of the mob which burned Coleman at Mayville to-day.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Another New Court Organized.

Another Court of Calanthe was organized Friday night, Dec. 1st, at Lily of the Valley Hall, near 31st and F Sts., by Grand Worthy Counselor John Mitchell, Jr., assisted by Deputy Anna Taylor and others. There were 48 members initiated and a most pleasant time was spent.

Those occupying stations were as follows: G. W. Inspector, Nannie Johnson; G. W. Inspector, Harriet Thompson; G. W. S. D., Lucy E. Miles; G. W. J. D., Adeline Jones; G. W. O., Marietta L. Chiles; G. W. R. of A., Charlotte Gwathmey; G. W. R. of A., Lucy T. Scott; G. W. R. of Dep., Ada Carr; G. W. E. Scott, Eva Davis; G. W. Cond., Lucy Hewlett; G. W. Asst. Cond., Ellen N. Jones; G. W. Marshal, Bertha Thompson; G. W. P. R., E. R. Jefferson, assisted by Sister Julia Edmonds, William Page, Mary Washington, Fannie Allen and other members of Blooming Lily Court and Pure Gold Court.

The following persons were installed as officers of Cordelia's Court, I. O. Calanthe: W. O. Anna G. Owens; W. Inspector, Lula A. Phillips; W. Inspector, Georgie Robinson; S. D., Mattie G. B. Johnson; J. D., Mary E. Allen; W. O., Nannie Tocker; E. of D., Bertha Washington; R. of A., Nannie J. Ward; Rec. of Dep., Sarah A. Steward; W. E. Scott, Bertha Smith; G. W. Cond., Julia A. Young; W. Asst. Cond., Emma J. Lucas; Marshal, Emma Lewis; Protector, Granville Fleming; Trustees, Louis Smith, Mary E. Gordon, Mary B. Tillman.

The happy party retired to the dining hall below where a table, laden with all of the delicacies of the season, had been prepared. Sister Anna Taylor and her corps of workers were heartily praised for their work.

THE TRIP NORTH.

During our recent visit to Philadelphia, Mr. Asbury showed us over the establishment which is quite large and complete. He has succeeded in handling this department with marked ability, and has not lost much flesh in his struggle in the handling of a printing plant.

We visited Mr. Chas. H. Brooks and he explained the workings of his department. All of his work has been skillfully systematized. We were much impressed with magnitude of his task.

THE A. M. E. BOOK CONCERN.

At the A. M. E. Book Concern we met the able and scholarly Dr. L. J. Coppin. We looked over the large plant of the concern. It is a credit to the organization.

Then we talked over the racial outlook. It was a gloomy subject but a cheering discussion. The distinguished doctor waved us adieu as he disappeared down the street on his bicycle.

We visited the office of the Christian Banner.

Mr. Uardozza Gets One Year.

Mr. A. W. Uardozza, the colored mail agent on the Southern Railway, between this city and Danville, Va., was convicted in the United States District Court, Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., presiding Tuesday, the 5th inst., of having stolen money from a letter, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment. He will no doubt be confined at Moundsville, W. Va.

It seems that a copy letter was put in a mail pouch at Danville, Va., and put in charge of Uardozza. When Richmond was reached, it was ascertained that the decoy letter was missing and upon Uardozza being searched at his residence, 112 W. Leigh street, one of the marked notes which it contained was found in his possession.

It seems that to give a satisfactory explanation of this and upon this circumstantial evidence he was convicted. He was ably and stubbornly defended by Hon. George D. Wise, Col. W. F. Wickham and James H. Hayes, Esq., and equally as skillfully prosecuted by Gen. Edgar Allan and Mr. De Jarnett.

Uardozza was confident of his acquittal to the last, but together with the counsel had to yield to the verdict, and enter no further appeal for an abatement of its rigors. His wife has been afflicted for some time and his mother is well-nigh heart-broken over his fate. He was backed by some of the best colored citizens in this community, who shared in the general belief of his innocence. The government inspectors claimed that out of 22 decoy letters sent over his route only 4 ever reached their destinations.

They Were Surprised.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 30, 1899. On last Thursday night, the parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Johnson of 403 W. Duval St., were brilliantly lighted; the occasion being a surprise party led by Mr. and Mrs. William Monroe and Rev. Mrs. Briggs. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Isaac Johnson, Misses Charlotte Copeland, Mary Copley, Ella Siles, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar N. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Scott, Mr. Eddie Clay, Misses Ella Copley, Martha Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Eppie, Miss Pearl Rowe, Mr. Dotson, Mr. and

Mrs. Shuman Garrett, Mrs. Dennis Rowe, Mrs. Harrison Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Henley, Mr. Sarah Burton. After enjoying themselves in parlor games, they all prepared for the dining-room, where refreshments were served in abundance.

Another Surprise.

On Friday evening, Nov. 24th, the spacious home of Miss Martha Baker, on Hickory St., presented a beautiful scene; the occasion being a surprise party led by Mrs. Simon Johnson. Among those present were: Misses Nannie Jackson, Mamie Neal, S. Lovi White, Margaret Tinsley, Sarah Jackson, Gertrude Mason, Charlotte Mason, Sadie Harper, Bettie Dodson, Jane Boye, Emily Boyd, Dora Johnson and Miss Martha Baker. Mesdames Harriette Knox Campbell, Alice Swann Cook, Mary Mason, Lemmas, Mamie White Brown, Mary Baker Nuchols, Ellen Baker Laura Johnson, Messrs. Walter Moss, C. J. Mathews, Nelson, Mitchell, Mason, Briggs, Campbell, Foster and Mr. Simon Johnson.

Mrs. FANNIE JOHNSON.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

—Mrs. Ellen Jackson has returned from Scottsville, Va.

—Major A. Boykins and Rev. J. W. Moore, of Eastern Shore, called on us.

—Rev. A. W. Shields, father-in-law of Rev. Dr. W. E. Graham was in the city and called on us.

—Mrs. Washington Diggs, of Elbus, Va., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Chiles returned home on Saturday last.

—Mr. A. Hayes has a fine livery and the best of funeral arrangements, coupled with a large store of politeness. He'll treat you right. Call.

—Mr. Ben Wadley, Mrs. Lucy Bowler and Miss Rosa Young are the committee on the 4 and 20 Elder's Bazaar, week commencing Monday, Dec. 11th.

—The best way to keep healthy is to belong to a good reliable substantial sick insurance company. The Richmond Beneficial and Insurance Company has all three of these qualifications. Join them and you will do yourself proud.

—Mr. Peter Wallace, of Hampton, Va., spent his Thanksgiving with his family at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles Randolph, No. 618 N. 3rd St.

—That tooth aches? I know it does, you look like your face aches. Take my advice, you need cold steel. Dr. P. B. Ramsey keeps a large select stock. You had better see him.

—Rev. R. J. Perkins of Huntington, W. Va., was in the city this week and called on us. He was looking well and reported matters prosperous in his section.

—Mr. Charles Oliver of Newport News, Va., called on us, as did also Mr. C. H. Green of the same city.

—A reception was held Thursday evening, Nov. 30th at the residence of Mrs. Rosa E. Jones, Mrs. Alice Strang Davis the accomplished musical instructor of Washington, being the guest. The parlors were thronged and refreshments were served in courses. Prof. Kelly Miller and Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks were present.

—Clarence Boneparte, of Co. K, 24th Infantry was drowned at Rio Grande, Philippine Islands, Oct. 27th.

—Rev. Charles Mahomed, of Morocco, Africa, is in the city. He has spent six years at Princeton College and will return to his own country to do missionary work. He came to this country with Rev. J. H. Pressley. He speaks six different languages. He will preach at the several churches of this city. He is of the opinion that the English language is the most difficult one he ever studied.

—This community was thrown in to address when they heard of the death of Mrs. Fannie A. Lewis. She was stricken Friday night at her home while presiding over the meeting of the Ladies' Masonic Association, which was making arrangements for entertaining the delegates to the Grand Lodge to be held here next week. She was a most estimable lady and Christian and society worker.

—Two furnished rooms for gentlemen with both hot and cold water. Apply in evening to 219 W. Leigh St. 21-12-7.

We have just received from the publishers a copy of this beautiful song. The words are by Mrs. Julia A. Carney, and the music is from the pen of that well-known composer, Mr. Charles Baker. Everything he writes has an immediate sale, and this song is no exception to the general rule. Both the words and music are very much above the general run of songs and we predict a genuine success for it. It is being sung by many leading artists in the theatres of the larger cities such as New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, etc.

The regular price is 50 cents per copy, but readers of our paper can secure it by sending 20 cents to The Union Mutual Music Co., No. 20 East 14th St., New York.

—Ice cream and water ices the year round, at Graham and Easley's.

SEGREGATION DREAM.

The Augusta Union anticipates our departure to a home of our own and makes the following observations on the interesting subject:

"Let us 'segregate' and get where Mr. Fortune can be a veritable leader. It is likely that Mr. Fortune would be President."

"Vice-President Booker T. Washington would be a go with the masses, of course."

"Let's see now just what kind of a Cabinet the President could have, and how it would look on paper: "Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. Judson W. Lyons; Secretary of the Navy, (although there may be no necessity for a navy) Hon. Jno. R. Lynch; Secretary of War, (await the development of a radical fire-eater for the place) Secretary of the Interior, Col. William A. Fletcher; Attorney General, Richard T. Greener; Postmaster General, John Mitchell, Jr.; Secretary of Agriculture, Prof. W. H. Councilll."

"Now, this is real nice, and so impressively so does it seem to us that we believe it would be quite requisite to retain our American idiosyncrasies and thus the necessity to not seethe with the desire, to segregate for we are quite able to abide here, with the hope that some day, in the long-timeto-come, our white friends might amend the Constitution, so as to have a republic within a republic."

No Cabinet in a republic, such as we would have, would be complete without a Secretary of State, and we desire to nominate for that place the Hon. A. W. Wimberly, and to say further, if the Secretary of the Interior has any influence with the President, that he will be appointed.

How about our great Georgia educator, Major R. R. Wright, going to the Court of St. James, or Minister to the United States--Atlanta, Ga., Age.

"Olewed It Up."

[Fort Smith, Ark., Appreciator]

The Richmond Planet chews up the Times with as much delight as a true soldier his tobacco; and when does spit it out with as much vim.

From West Point.

West Point, Va., Dec. 4, 1899.

A grand concert was given here at the 38th inst., at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Miss Lily Wynn, manager.

Rev. W. W. Harris preached in the morning and at night.

Rev. Charles Towles preached at the Salem Baptist Church Sunday night. Over 100 men are now making from \$12 to \$15 per week.

Mrs. Bettie Beecher of New Kent is now living here.

Mr. B. Allen has reorganized his Y. P. C. and R. W. Club.

A Brilliant Wedding.

The wedding of Mr. Robert Washington, Jr., and Miss Emma Young which took place Thursday, Nov. 30th, at the 4th Baptist Church at 12 o'clock A. M., was a fitting climax to a brilliant social season. Precisely at 12 o'clock amid the sweet strains of the wedding march the family and friends followed by the little flower girl, Lillie Flippant, entered the church by the main aisle. They were followed by the ushers and bridesmaids, Mr. John Thompson and Miss Rachel Harvey; Mr. Thomas Burke and Miss Florence Coles, who entered the church by the main aisle, preceding the groom Mr. Robert Washington, Jr., resting on the arm of the best man, Mr. Cornelius Beverly. Then entered the bride resting on the arm of Mr. Moore. They were met at the altar by the pastor, Rev. Evans Payne who performed the marriage ceremony.

The church was well filled by the many friends of the contracting parties. The bride was attired in a white satin dress with pearl trimmings and muslin de son veil.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the happy party passed out being congratulated by the large concourse of friends. The reception was held at the former residence of the groom on 31st. The happy couple left on the 4 P. M. train for Wilkesbarre, Pa., amid showers of rice and well-wishes, where they will make their future home.

Among those present were Rev. Evans Payne, Mr. A. Bentley, Messrs. R. Toole, Laura Burke, Rosa Brown, Charlotte Johnson, Ida Thompson, Robert Manning, Annah Washington, and Misses Rosa Jackson, Mary Brown, Judah Jordan, and Messrs. Charles Matthews, Willie Ransom, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Spurlock, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Iswell.

Mr. Alpheus Scott, the popular funeral director of Churchhill, furnished carriages for the occasion. The presents were many and costly.

Patterson-Wilson

The marriage of Miss Emma J. Wilson to Mr. George E. Patterson at the Ebenezer Baptist Church Thursday, Nov. 30th was one of the social events of the season. The ceremony was simple and impressive. A large crowd was present, and many were the congratulations showered upon the happy couple. Large numbers of visitors thronged

ed the residences on last Sunday afternoon at the reception where they were royally entertained.

Mr. Patterson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson, who are well-known residents of this city.

JORDAN-JOHNSON--The marriage of Mr. B. Lawrence Jordan, of this city, to Miss M. Blanche Johnson, of Louisa County, Va., will take place Dec. 12, 1899, in this city, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Morris Ragland, 1874 Cedar St. Reception at their future residence, 1439 Ross St., Dec. 17th, 1899 from 7 to 10 P. M. Friends are invited. No cards.

Do You Know Them?

I desire to know the whereabouts of my mother, sister, two brothers and uncle. They were living about five miles south of Charlotte C. H. Va. My mother's name was George Lawson. His farm adjoined that of widow Robinson. My mother's name was Catherine Smith, and my brothers' names were James and Alfred. My sister's name was Mary and my uncle's name, James Dudley. I left home in the summer of 1865.

Any information will be thankfully received.

JOHN E. SMITH,
11 Genesee St. Auburn N. Y.

Editor of PLANET:

Dear Sir.--I desire to know the whereabouts of my son, Sampson Herx who was born in Jones County, Ga. He went off with Sherman's Army, and the last time I heard from him was in 1867. He was then located at Richmond, Va. Any information that can be given as to his whereabouts will be appreciated by me. I am Yours respectfully in Christ,

Address Mrs. ARLINE CURRITON,
In care of Mr. Jerry Pounds, deacon of First Baptist Church, colored, Cotton, Ave., Macon, Bibb County, Ga.

CARTER--Departed this life Sunday, Dec. 3, 1899, at 9:30 A. M., at his residence, 1910 William St., Mr. Albert Carter, Sr. His funeral took place at Fifth Baptist Church, Sydney, Rev. E. Powell, officiating, Monday, Dec. 4th, at 11:30 A. M.

JUDAH--Margaret, widow of the late Philip N. Judah, died at her home, 502 N. Main St., Philadelphia, Pa., on Monday, Nov. 27th, age, 63 years. The deceased was the daughter of the late Reuben and Elizabeth Coots. She was married in St. Thomas P. E. Church in 1849. Seven children: five daughters, two sons, and twenty-two grand children survive her. The funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 1st, at her late residence. Rev. E. G. Knight, the pastor of St. Thomas P. E. Church officiated.

RANSOM--Mr. Payne Ransom departed this life Dec. 5, '99 at 4 o'clock a. m. His funeral takes place at 1 o'clock Sunday evening, Dec. 10th, at Fifth Street Baptist Church. Funeral Director, W. S. Selden officiating.

LEWIS--The funeral of Mrs. Fannie A. Lewis, widow of the late Thomas H. Lewis, who departed this life Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at 9 p. m., after a short illness of 24 hours, took place from the First Baptist Church, Tuesday, Dec. 5th, at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Jas. H. Holmes, the pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Becket of Third St. A. M. E. Church, Rev. R. J. Perkins of Hinton, W. Va., and Rev. Thos. H. Briggs. The floral designs were numerous. The following societies of which she was a member turned out in full force: Sisters of Enoch; Star of the West Tent; Royal Degree Chamber, No. 5; Amity Council I. O. of St. Luke; Sheba Household of Ruth; Ladies' Masonic Association. The honorary pall bearers were Dr. R. E. Jones, D. J. Chavers, James Bradley, Thornton Wyatt. The active bearers were John H. Smith, Chas. J. Briggs, E. H. Shackelford, W. H. Brown, R. H. Briggs.

Funeral Director, Wm. Isaac Johnson, had charge of the remains.

The voice at midnight came,
She started up to hear;
A mortal arrow pierced her frame,
She fell but felt no fear.

PYTHIAN NOTES.

Capt. Archer Drew of Portsmouth, Va., writes that Ruth Court is progressing. They will make 30 new members at the next meeting. Pride of the East Lodge, was begun with five members and it now has 91 benefitted members. Thirteen more will be made this month and fifteen for further advancement. All of Ruth Court members, except two are from this lodge.

At a joint meeting of Pioneer Lodge, No. 28, and New Era Lodge, No. 38, Knights of Pythias, held Nov. 28th at Castle Hall Deputy Grand Chancellor W. J. Wells presiding, an invitation was unanimously tendered the Grand Lodge of Virginia to hold its next annual meeting in Lynchburg. Sir W. H. Higginbotham acted K. of R. & S.

—For painless extraction, call on Dr. F. B. Ramsey.

REV. THOMAS H. JOHNSON.

RUTHVILLE, Va., Nov. 20, '99. Perhaps no man among our colored ministry, has been more successful in accomplishing more real and substantial good work in places where most needed, than the above named minister.

It is not to be presumed that he can be compared with our best preachers in learning and eloquence, yet we claim, he has accomplished, in his sphere, as much good as any of them. While many of them preach to tickle the ear, he preaches to reach the heart. While many preach to earn large salaries, he preaches to win souls to Christ. Many confine their work to fine churches in crowded cities, while he carries the Gospel into the highway and hedges.

Rev. Johnson, though of limited education, is lofty in thought, and of a broad mind. For he does not preach Christ, Heaven and Hallelujah only, but especially to the young, does he preach education, industry, and morality. My mother's name was Catherine Smith, and my brothers' names were James and Alfred. My sister's name was Mary and my uncle's name, James Dudley. I left home in the summer of 1865.

Rev. Johnson was elected pastor of Elam, the oldest colored church in Charles City, about nineteen years ago, which place he has filled with credit ever since.

He was elected pastor of Central Baptist Church in Chesterfield some twelve or thirteen years since, and there the result of his work will attest his ability.

Elder Johnson is a great revivalist, and quite successful. During this year he has conducted several revival meetings, and has assisted at many.

He assisted Elder Lee at Eastville, Va.; Elder Brown, Charles City Co.; conducted meetings at Centralia, Chesterfield Co., Va.; Cedar Grove, Charles City Co., Va., and baptizing as high as fifty converts at one time at some of his churches.

At Baptist Liberty Church of Charles City Co., where there is no pastor, (Rev. Herbert Jones the pastor, having recently deceased) Elder Johnson conducted the revival meetings which resulted in 34 candidates for baptism. The candidates for baptism at the above named church, assembled at the pool on Sunday, the 18th ult., where Elder Johnson seemed to take great delight in baptizing in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The day was extremely pleasant, for one so late in November, and there was an immense gathering, among which there were many white people. The best of order was observed.

After baptism, Elder Johnson proceeded to preach from Eph 6:13 Sub-jugate "The Christian Armour."

First thought, 2nd. We must stand on guard. 3rd. We must wrestle and fight for Christ. 4th. Truth is our guide. 5th. Righteousness must be our breastplate. 6th. Faith our shield. 7th. Salvation our helmet. 8th. Hope which has salvation for its object. 9th. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit. 9th. Prayer must buckle on all the other parts of our Christian Armour.

The whole discourse was impressive and very instructive, and was enjoyed by all who heard it.

CELEBRATES THEIR ANNIVERSARY

The Grant Beneficial Club, with delegations from the various clubs of this city, headed by the Rose of Sharon Band, paraded the principal streets Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30, '99. The club made a fine impression and created quite a comment by their dress on this occasion--light overcoats, black cutaway suits, black derbys and tan gloves.

At 3 p. m., Rev. D. W. Davis, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Manchester, Va., addressed them at the First Baptist Church. He delivered a fine discourse, Subject, "Be Men."

At night, at Johnson's Hall (Fountain St.) a fine banquet was served to their friends. All the delicacies of the season were enjoyed and music and games were indulged in until the small hours of the morning.

The following are the names of some of the ladies present: